

## Amusements

## PLAZA

Crowded houses are expected at the Plaza today for the bill has met with more than usual favor during the past two days and the attractions are of a sort that never fail to draw large audiences.

Charles Robinson's "Vacation Days," with a cast of seven clever young people, are making merry in the headline position on the vaudeville program and their tuneful songs, graceful dances and comedy quips are scoring successfully at every performance.

The remainder of the vaudeville program is composed of Scott & Raynor, two talented mirth-provokers in an odd talking skit that keeps you laughing until they choose to let you stop; The Four Charles in a sensational juggling act that opens with a comedy skit and Nulesco & Herley in a European novelty that is artistically staged.

"The Lure of the Mask," a four part masterpiece produced along extra ordinarily elaborate lines and featuring Harold Lockwood, Elsie Jane Wilson and Irving Cummings, is the big photo attraction and it is proving a most interesting one.

Charlie Chaplin's inimitable comedian, in one of the funniest Keystone successes, "His Musical Career," is taking care of a large portion of the laughs.

"The Electric Alarm," a very interesting subject in one reel, completes the program for the day.

## POLI'S

The Diving Nymphs, three pretty maids in a series of artistic posing and aquatic feats are proving a very enjoyable headline feature in the program that closes at Poli's to-night. These maids are at home in the water and present a series of dives that are as unusual as they are difficult.

The headline photoplay, "Cora," a filmization of Fred DeGrasse's drama, is most interesting in its dramatic action, and is superb from a photographic viewpoint. Emily Stevens, the talented emotional star, and many other screen favorites are seen in this film masterpiece.

Other features of the vaudeville bill are: Harry Francis Bent, former acting mayor of New York, in an illustrated lecture on "The War in Europe"; Cantwell & Walker, popular vaudevillians in a song and dance skit; Doris Wilson, in a dainty illusion called "Through the Looking Glass"; The Stantons, eccentric comedians, in a happy comedy sketch; and the Cavana Duo, sensational acrobats.

For Monday, the vaudeville bill will be topped by "A Mile a Minute," the big sensation of "A Honeymoon Express," which ran for a year at Winter Garden. A thrilling race between an auto and a train forms the climax to this big scenic production.

## LYRIC

"Little Johnny Jones" one of the best known characters of the American stage, will greet the audiences at the Lyric theatre all next week when the Calburn Musical Comedy company will present the great musical comedy of that name. It will be the first time that production has been seen in Bridgeport at popular prices.

"Little Johnny Jones" is the play in which George M. Cohan, "The Yankee Doodle Dandy" boy, has his greatest hit on Broadway and through the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast. He played the role of Johnny Jones, the Yankee Doodle boy, for more than 300 nights at the New York theatre, New York city, and then toured with it all over the country. It was an instantaneous hit.

The play is a typical Cohan show, meaning that it is one of those shows in which Cohan was seen at his best as a snappy, witty, stanny, but altogether delightful comedian of the popular routine order. Billy Lynn, the "Doctor Watson" of last week's show will play the George Cohan role of Johnny Jones in the coming play, and in the part will be seen at his best advantage. The play being full of catchy music, lightning dialogue, and real wit, the Calburn players will have no trouble in making a genuine success of the production.

John Kearney, who was ridiculously funny in the part of "Sherlock Holmes" last week, is going to be seen in a role this coming week which will keep the house in an uproar from the beginning to the end of the show. With the other members of the company, he will guarantee to amuse, if he does nothing else.

## EMPIRE

Broadway's daintiest star, Ina Claire, ably portrays the leading role in the Lasky-Paramount four part pictureization of the delightful romance of the same name, "The Wild Goose Chase."

This feature is without a doubt one of the most delightful photo-dramatic productions ever produced for the Silent Drama.

"The Pretty Sister of Jose," a five part Famous Players-Paramount masterpiece featuring Marguerite Clark as an all star cast will head the all feature programs on Monday and Tuesday.

Maudie Adams, the renowned legitimate stage star, originated the stellar role in this celebrated romance and was launched forth in it as a star, the piece was afterwards known in the theatrical circles as Maudie Adams' first starring vehicle.

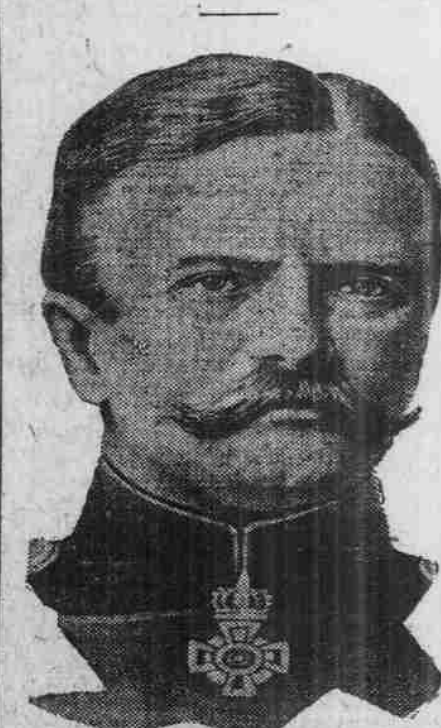
The story unfolded in the five parts of the days of old Spain and is sure to please and entertain.

## SUNDAY SERVICES

The Olivet Congregational church, Main street at North avenue, the Rev. George Oliver Tamblin, minister. The pastor will preach in the morning at 10:45 upon the subject, "The Inspiration of the Bible." At the evening service Mr. Lester Burdick, Mrs. Lett B. Myers and the pastor will speak upon "The Institutional Church." The hour is 7 o'clock. On many requests have come to Mr. Tamblin to preach a sermon on the modern view of the Bible that he decided to give next Sunday morning to the various ways in which the Bible is interpreted. The Bible contains the views of many different kinds of men, living in many different centuries. These views are not all uniform in excellence or authority over the lives of Christians today. The public is cordially invited to this service.

Rabindranath Tagore, the Indian poet, was knighted by King George.

## Say Von Mackensen Is Greater Than Von Hindenburg



GENERAL VON MACKENSEN

All Germany is singing the praises of General August von Mackensen, who won so many victories against the Russians. They are proclaiming him a greater man than General von Hindenburg. It was General Mackensen who drove the Russians out of East Prussia. He then was placed in charge of the great drive in western Galicia and the investment of Przemyśl.

## BUILDING NOTES

Work will start next week on a store and tenement building at East Main street and Berkshire avenue for Samuel Cohen.

Robert FitzRoy has let contracts for an eight room one-family dwelling house in Edna street.

James Grasso is arranging to build two two-family houses in Capitol avenue.

Work has begun on a four-family house in East Main street for P. W. Murray.

F. L. Bradbury is arranging to have a six-family apartment house built in Hayes street. Plans for the house are complete and work will start soon.

Harris Dolid will alter his building in East Main street to arrange three stores on the ground floor and bay windows on the upper stories.

Work will start Monday on a one-story brick block with four stores at Knowlton and William streets for the A. Winter estate.

An addition 67x70 feet will be made to Whipple & Choate's factory in Irwin street.

An 18 room cottage for Herbert Tyler of the Park City Lumber Co. is to be erected at Silver Sands.

The contract has been awarded for the new parish house for the First Congregational church in Stratford.

A three-family house for H. J. Neal is in the course of construction in Maplewood avenue.

Goldman & Schine have a permit to build a three-family house in East Washington avenue.

Work is under way on two three-family houses in Parrott avenue for S. J. Greenwood.

Work is progressing rapidly on the new plant of the Handy & Harmon company in Fairfield.

The E. J. Orton company is to erect an office on the tract which the company owns in North Main street above St. Vincent's hospital.

The following building permits were granted by the commissioners last night, the aggregate cost of the work to be \$94,775.

Three story brick and steel factory building south side of Boston avenue for the Remington Arms-U. M. Co.

Three family dwelling on north side of Capital avenue, for Isadore Lirkin.

Two-family frame dwelling on west side of East Main street, for Cary Gillman.

Three two-family frame dwellings on west side of Davison street, for Loderholm and Swanson.

Two family brick dwelling on north side of Barnum avenue, for Gastano S. Benedetto.

Three-family frame dwelling on west side of Kent avenue, for John Delvechio.

Frame shed on south side of Railroad avenue for John Hurley.

Repair of store after fire on east side of Cleveland avenue, for Meyer Miller.

Private frame garage on north side of Cleveland avenue, for Philip Wilkins.

Frame shed on north side of Waldorf avenue, for Peter Hajdu and wife.

Two-family frame dwelling on west side of Laurel avenue, for Robert E. Bradley.

Addition to show window on north side of Burroughs street, for Samuel Burnstein.

Frame porch on west side of Freeman street, for Lottie Gill.

Private frame garage on south side of Harlem avenue, for Charles Wyllie.

St. Joseph Roman Catholic Slovak society, a six family frame dwelling on east side of Central avenue.

Two-family frame dwelling on north side of Putnam street, for J. F. Galla, et al.

One-family frame dwelling on south side of Hawley avenue, for Geo. D. Egbert.

Addition to store on north side of Osborn street, for John Szoke.

President Wilson's note to General Carranza and other Mexican leaders was published without comment in the Vera Cruz newspapers.

City health authorities at Columbus, Ohio, decided it will not be necessary to quarantine the entire Milwaukee American Association baseball team because John Shuckford, star pitcher, is ill with smallpox.

Emperor Nicholas of Russia sent a favorable reply to President Wilson's personal letter conveying a request by Austria that provision be made for inspecting Siberian camps where Austrian prisoners are held.

## FARM MILK PRICES.

Average Price Paid Producers in 1914 Lower Than 1913 Figure.

The average price paid to farmers for milk in 1914 was 3.804 cents a quart, according to statistics recently compiled by the Department of Agriculture. This is slightly lower than in 1913, when the average for the entire country was 3.849 cents a quart. The average price in January was the same in 1914 as in 1913, the price for March was higher in 1914, and the price for all other months was lower in 1914.

In order to obtain these averages the investigators reduced all prices to a common unit, namely, the net price f. o. b. the farmer's shipping station. It was impossible to ascertain the total quantity of milk supplied in the various sections, or at different seasons, and for this reason the price per quart for each shipment was alone considered, the quantity being disregarded. The averages, therefore, are not absolutely exact, for larger quantities of milk are sold at some seasons than at others; also the dealers, who report the prices, handle different quantities of milk.

Commercially, milk is still bought in a number of ways, 100 pounds sometimes being the unit, while other prices are quoted per pound of butter fat, per gallon, or per can of 1-2, 32 or 40 quarts. Some dealers offer premiums for milk richer than the ordinary or a higher sanitary grade.

Milk was highest in December, when the average price for the entire country was 4.205 cents a quart, and lowest in June, when it fell to 3.264 cents.

It appears that milk was at its highest in New England when the average price for November was 5.043 cents a quart. The average for the year was also highest in New England, 4.657 cents a quart. The lowest price was for June in the Middle Atlantic states, when the average price was only 2.841 cents. One dealer in the Middle Atlantic states reported that he paid only 30 cents a hundred for milk in the month of June, which would be only a little more than 1.9 cents a quart. The greatest range in prices was found in the Middle Atlantic states, where the December price was 4.304 cents and the June price 2.841, a difference of 1.463 cents.

These figures were compiled by the Dairy Division of the Bureau of Animal Industry and the Bureau of Census. Estimates, from figures furnished by 226 milk dealers throughout the country.

## ALL ARMIES USING SMOKELESS POWDER.

Only forty-three per cent of ordinary gun powder is converted into gas when it explodes. The remaining fifty-seven per cent is unconsumed residue, which we see in the form of smoke. In the war that is now going on in Europe, however, all the combatants are using another kind of gunpowder, which is smokeless. On ignition it is converted wholly into gas. A much greater volume of gas is produced, and the explosive effect is proportionately increased.

There are many kinds of smokeless gunpowder. One of the best known is the English cordite, which, when forced through holes in a perforated metal plate while in a plastic condition, takes the form of thick strings that look like brown rubber. The strings are cut up into short cylindrical pieces. You can safely hold a string of cordite in your hand and light one end of it; it will burn slowly with a bright flame.

A characteristic of smokeless powders is that they burn very slowly; on that account many of them are very long in order that all the powder of a charge may have time to be transformed into gas before the projectile driven by it leaves the muzzle of the weapon. The smokeless powder used by our army and navy is made by soaking nitro-cotton in a mixture of ether and alcohol; it is thus converted into a plastic substance that may be moulded or cut into any shape required. For small arms, it is manufactured in a form resembling spaghetti—long strings that are chopped into little pieces and packed into the cartridges. For big guns, it is made in long rods, which, after being perforated from end to end with a number of holes to insure quicker ignition, are cut into short lengths. That kind of powder, which might be called an explosive celluloid is of a horny consistency; as in the case of other smokeless powders, the stick with which it burns is owing mainly to its density.

The very cloth of the bags used to contain charges of gunpowder for the big guns has itself been made of smokeless powder—made in the form of threads of exactly the same substance. That is an invention of the Germans. The bag thus becomes part of the explosive charge, and when the gun is fired is wholly consumed. The cloth used is an artificial silk of a glossy white color. Prof. Charles E. Munroe in the Youth's Companion.

## "OPERATING COST" OF WAR IS STAGGERING.

What may be termed the operating cost of the most destructive war known to mankind in the night amounted to \$10,000,000,000. The indirect consequences, such as damage to property loss to foreign and domestic trade, the vanished life of the tourist, plus the loss from an actuarial standpoint in the economic value of the killed, maimed permanently, and diseased, produce a debit on the balance sheet of European nations of fully \$10,000,000,000 more. The figures are huge, beyond comprehension, and most impressive when set beside the estimated cost of all wars between the years 1793 and 1913. In that century-and-a-quarter period, beginning with Napoleon's career and ending with the second Balkan war, the direct and indirect expenditures in conquest and repulse were \$25,000,000,000. At the present progressive rate of outlay the great war will only have to go four months longer, parallel the cost of all other struggles since man began to accredit himself as civilized.

The wealth of the peoples engaged in war, and those in Europe who are trying to keep it out of it, is about \$400,000,000,000. Considered from this angle the cost or loss does not loom so large; for it is only about 5 per cent of the resources from which the nations concerned must draw.

One cannot go far wrong in footing up the operating cost of the war if one follows closely the government loans and the treasury estimates made before the British Commons by Premier Asquith or Lloyd George, by Finance Minister Ribot, of France, and in the German Reichstag of the daily toll to the allies and their opponents. From these sources we have official sanction for the use of the following figures of the

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France ..... 1,750,000,000  
Russia ..... 2,000,000,000  
Germany including Turkey ..... 2,500,000,000  
Austria-Hungary ..... 1,500,000,000

On the side of the allies there is a further cost of, say, \$200,000,000,000 for services of Belgium, Serbia, and Japan. Mobilization has cost Holland and Switzerland fully \$150,000,000, and if we use the minimum figure, its direct costs of the Napoleonic and civil wars, the two most expensive of the last four generations, and we will not include in it \$200,000,000 which Spain has had to raise to meet her deficit—From "What the War is Costing Europe," by Charles F. Spence, in the American Review of Reviews for April.

New York State Day was observed at the San Francisco Exposition.

Warring European governments are negotiating with Ohio manufacturers for 100 steel hull armored scout boats of high power. If the boats meet the purpose for which they are designed a large fleet will be ordered.

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